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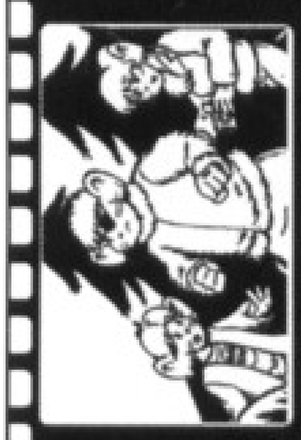

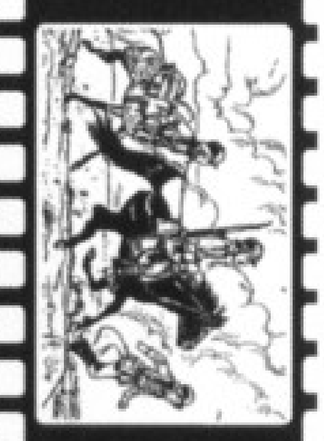

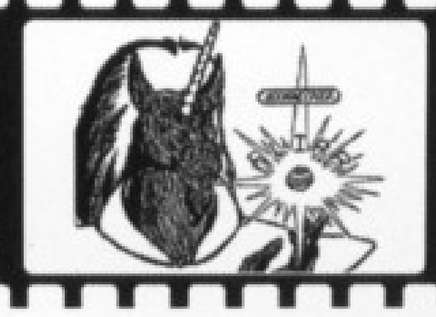

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ARE YOU NEW TO ANTHROPOMORPHICS?

Wondering what all this is about? We're doing two one-shot comic books that may be of interest to you.

This fall **4 FOOTED FURRIES** will be coming from SFA. It's got Bernard Doove's famous **CHAKATS**, as well as Mark Merlino's **FIRST LIGHT** characters in it. The art will be by Kacey Maltzman and Shelley Pleger, plus bonus quadrapeds by Roy Pounds.

In January 2004, we will debut a one shot that hopefully will give an introduction to newcomers, entitled appropriately enough, **FURRY FANDOM**. This comic magazine will feature text sections on the conventions, APAzines, fursuiting, and profiles of all the furry publishers (When's the last time DC did a profile of Marvel?). They'll be an exciting article on **FCTV**, a forerunner of what is to come in the furry future, as well as the fictional story **"THE FURRY CON."**

Lastly, the recent swath of turbulent weather has not escaped SFA. One week ago, as I write this, a tornado "skirted" our farm. toppling a forty year old pecan tree and narrowly missing our house. The fifty foot tree is still resting in the back, it's weight supported by our two storage buildings. So, if you order a back issue of **KATMANDU** and there is a pecan leaf in an otherwise mint comic....you'll know why.

Take care

Mike and Carole

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WICKED WAYS PART TWO

WERE YOU HUNGRY OR SOMETHING, THORIN?

..OR SOMETHING. NOW YOU WERE TELLING ME THAT LISKA HAD TROUBLE WITH HER WARRIORS FAWNING OVER THEA.... ALSO THAT SOME NO-ACCOUNT FAMILY SENT THEIR DAUGHTER IN TO STEAL FOOD AND THAT HESTA CAUGHT HER.

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-SO THE WARRIOR STOOD OFF THEMONSTER CHUKKA. IF THE BEAST GOT THROUGH THE PASS THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE TRIBE WOULD DIE.

WHAT DID HE DO?

HE HAD HIS ARROWS FIRST. THEN HIS SPEAR. IF THAT FAILED, HIS KNIFE.

THEN. WHAT?

HIS FANGS AND TEETH. A WARRIOR HAS TO PROTECT HIS TRIBE.

PATCHES, YOU DRAW SO GOOD!

NO, I DON'T...

YOU DO! NOBODY ELSE IN THE TRIBE CAN DRAW LIKE YOU. COULD YOU PAINT A WARRIOR ON MY SHIELD?

ME? REALLY?

YEAH, YOU'RE GREAT!

I HAVE TO ASK YOUR MOTHER. MY FAMILY IS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE TODAY AND I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STAY.

OH, FATHER WILL LET YOU STAY! HER AND MOTHER ALREADY LIKE YOU!

ARE YOU FIXING CORN CAKES?

I LIKE PATCHES.

YES, MOTHER SONNA. PATCHES IS WATCHING THE CHILDREN AND MELA HAS THE BABIES.

SO DO I.

I WISH LISKA WOULD ASK HER TO BE SECOND WIFE. ALL OF US LIKE HER.

YOU KNOW THE LAW, SHAYGIN.

PATCHES HAS TO JOIN THE TRIBE BEFORE LISKA CAN APPROACH HER. ARE YOU **WORKING** ON YOUR HUSBAND?

YES-

KETHLYN, FATHER ISN'T GOING TO GET US OUT OF THIS FIX. HIS BRAIN ONLY WORKS WHEN THERE'S NO FOOD. AT SUNSET THIS TRIBE WILL SEND US ON OUR WAY, WITHOUT OUR SISTER PATCHES.

YOU'E RIGHT, SHEEL. HE'S SLEEPING OFF LUNCH WHILE WE WORRY.

HIS IDEA OF VISITING TRIBES AND GETTING FOOLISH WARRIORS TO FEED US HAS WORKED FOR YEARS. MAYBE IT'S WORN OUT NOW.

PERHAPS. WE CAN'T EVEN VISIT THE TRIBE. WE'RE EXILED TO THE OUTSKIRTS AND GUARDED.

MAYBE WE SHOULD STRIKE OUT, JUST YOU AND ME.

DON'T BE STUPID.

NEITHER OF US IS ANY GOOD AT COOKING, CLEANING,OR WIFELY SKILLS. THAT'S WHY WE KEEP PATCHES.

THEN WE SHOULD WAKE UP FATHER AND GET HIM THINKING.

IT'S MIDAFTERNOON. ARE YOU AND YOUR FATHER PREPARED TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO OUR TRIBE, OR WILL YOU BE ON YOUR WAY?

SHHH! HERE COMES THAT FEMALE CHIEF.

THE KITTENS ARE EATING, SHAYGIN. SURE ARE A LOT OF THEM!~

WELL, LISKA AND I HAVE A LARGE FAMILY. WANT TO HELP ME SEW?

I NOTICED YOU KEEP YOUR HANDS MOVING CONSTANTLY, THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE BUSY. DARMIN TELLS ME YOU'RE QUITE AN ARTIST TOO.

I HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO PASS THE TIME.

TODAY MY FATHER AND SISTERS HAVE TO LEAVE. DO YOU KNOW IF I HAVE TO GO WITH THEM?

LET'S TALK TO THE CHIEF.

THIS IS NOT TRIBAL HOSPITALITY! WE WILL TELL ALL WE MEET ABOUT YOUR TREATMENT OF US AND ENSLAVING OUR DAUGHTER!

SHE IS MEETING WITH OUR CHIEF! BE GRATEFUL WE GAVE YOU FOOD INSTEAD OF A KICK IN THE BACKSIDE!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, FATHER? YOU ALWAYS HAVE A SCHEME.

I HAVE ONE NOW. BUT WE NEED SOMETHING TO MAKE IT WORK.

LIKE WHAT?

TWO STUPID WARRIORS!

CHIEF POWNETKEE, SINCE MY FAMILY CAME HER, I'VE BEEN WELCOMED BY YOUR PEOPLE, EVEN WHEN I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN. MY FAMILY PREYS ON TRIBES AND MOVES ON. I DON'T WANT TO GO WITH THEM. CAN I JOIN YOUR TRIBE?

PAJALIS, SHAYGIN SPEAKS WELL OF YOU. WARRIORS WISH YOUR SERVICE. YOU WOULD BE A WELCOME ADDITION TO OUR PEOPLE.

BUT WE HAVE A RULE. A TENT MUST SPEAK FOR YOU TO JOIN THEM. YOU HAVE TWO DAYS.

(HEY, WHERE'S MY MEAL BROTHER?)

(WAITING FOR YOU TO SPEAR IT, I THINK.)

(I SMELL SOMETHING STRANGE.)

(IT'S PROBABLY YOUR WHISKERS.)

(NO, IT'S FEMALES, FELINE ONES.)

THE SMELL OF FOOD IS DRIVING ME MAD.

THEY'LL SURELY KNOW WE'RE NEAR. I'LL GO SPEAK TO THEM.

(LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE WRONG. THAT FELINE IS A MALE.)

(I WONDER IF MY DAUGHTERS AND I MIGHT JOIN YOU.)

(GREETINGS, MIGHTY WARRIORS. WE WERE TRAVELING IN THE NIGHT AND SAW YOUR FIRE.)

(DAUGHTERS?)

IS THE FISHING GOOD?

NOT VERY. IT MAY BE TIME TO CHANGE CAMPSITES.

CHIEF POWNETKEE IS KEEPING IN HIS TENT MORE.

OF COURSE HE IS. HE WAS FORTY TURNS OF THE SEASONS WHEN YOU BECAME A WARRIOR. AND THEA IS EIGHTEEN NOW.

WHO DO YOU THINK HE WILL SUGGEST TO TAKE HIS PLACE?

YOU, I IMAGINE. YOU'D MAKE A FINE CHIEF. THAT IS, IF YOU EVER DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THAT "PATCHES" GIRL.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT I'LL DO WITH HER.

WHAT CAN I DO? CAN I JOIN YOUR TENT?

PATCHES, IT'S LISKA'S TENT AND SHE HAS TO ASK YOU. YOUR SISTERS HAD SEVERAL WARRIORS INTERESTED. WHY NOT TRY THAT?

UGH! THAT'S MY SISTERS, NOTME. I'VE NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN MALES.

HOW ABOUT FEMALES?

NO, NOT THEM EITHER. I'VE JUST NEVER BEEN INTERESTED AT ALL.

WIFE, YOU'LL HAVE TO LET OUT MY PANTS IF YOU FIX ANY MORE MEALS LIKE THAT ONE!

WISH WE COULD PUT SOME MEAT ON PATCHES!

HEH!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT PATCHES. WHAT DOES MOTHER SEE IN HER?

MAYBE TO ADD HER TO OUR FAMILY, LIKE DARMIN.

ANOTHER CHILD?

SHE MIGHT BE THINKING OF HER AS A SECOND WIFE!

SHE'S TOO YOUNG!

SHE'S OUR AGE!

BUT SHE'S MORE SKILLED THAN EITHER OF US.

IN WHAT WAY? SHE COULDN'T MAKE GILES FEEL LIKE A PROUD WARRIOR!

HAVE FUN! I'M VISITING MY OLD WARRIOR!

PATCHES, ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR STAY?

YES, I REALLY LIKE SHAYGIN AND THE KITTENS.

THE CHIEF TELLS ME YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN OUR TRIBE.

I'D LIKE TO, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO INVITE ME.....

(SO YOU HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS, NOT JUST THESE TWO?)

(THAT'S RIGHT!)

(AND A TRIBE NEARBY IS HOLDING HER CAPTIVE?)

(WELL, YOU HAVE TWO BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS LEFT. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?)

(I HAVE AN IDEA.)

WATCH! I'LL HIT THE MARK THIS TIME!

TOLD YOU. EVEN IN THE DARK.

THAT'S GOOD, GILES. BUT WHY DON'T YOU COME AND WARM ME UP? I'M COLD....

(HE'S NOT A BAD SHOT. TOO BAD HE LEFT MOST OF HIS ARROWS IN THE TREE.)

(TOO BAD FOR HIM! GOT YOUR SHIELD READY?)

(YEAH, BUT HE'S NOT PAYING ATTENTION. LET'S GO.)\

FATHER, HOW DID YOU GET THEM TO HELP US?

THE USUAL WAY. THEY THINK THEY'LL HAVE YOUR...ATTENTIONS!

NOT LIKELY WITH RATKINDI

OH, GILES....

OH, GILES!

(I GOT THE GIRL.)

(I GOT THE WARRIOR.)

GOOD, YOU'RE AWAKE. LISTEN GOOD.

GO BACK TO YOUR CHIEF AND TELL HER TO BRING MY DAUGHTER TO THE EAST SIDE OF THAT SNOWY PEAK TOMORROW AT HIGH SUN IF SHE WANTS HER DAUGHTER.

-IF NOT, I'LL MAKE SURE THESE RATKIND WARRIOR BREAK HER SPIRIT FIRST!

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